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SPECIAL NOTE FROM EDITOR (By KB8NW)

There will not be an OPDX Bulletin next week and "possibly the week after". I will be attending the Dayton HamVention. "IF" I receive a major announcement, I will probably send out a special bulletin. However, PLEASE continue to send your DX information. You never know what I might do.... See you in Dayton! 73 de Tedd KB8NW

DXCC COUNTRY/ENTITY REPORT

According to the AR-Cluster Network for the week of Sunday, 8th/May, through Sunday, 15th/May there were 215 countries active. Countries available: 1S, 3A, 3B8, 3B9, 3D2, 3V, 3W, 4J, 4L, 4O, 4S, 4U1I, 4X, 5A, 5B, 5R, 5T, 5W, 5Z, 6Y, 7Q, 7X, 8P, 9A, 9G, 9H, 9J, 9K, 9M2, 9M6, 9Q, 9V, 9Y, A2, A3, A4, A6, A7, A9, AP, BV, BY, C3, C9, CE, CE0Y, CE0Z, CE9, CM, CN, CP, CT, CT3, CU, CX, CY0, D2, D4, DL, DU, E4, E5/s, E6, E7, EA, EA6, EA8, EA9, EI, EK, EL, EP, ER, ES, ET, EU, EX, EY, EZ, F, FG, FK, FM, FO, FR, FW, FY, G, GD, GI, GJ, GM, GU, GW, H4, HA, HB, HB0, HC, HH, HI, HK, HL, HP, HR, HS, HV, HZ, I, IS, J3, J6, J8, JA, JD/o, JT, JX, JY, K, KG4, KH0, KH2, KH6, KH8, KL, KP2, KP4, LA, LU, LX, LY, LZ, OA, OD, OE, OH, OH0, OK, OM, ON, OX, OY, OZ, P2, P4, PA, PJ2, PJ4, PY, PY0F, PZ, S0, S5, SM, SP, ST, SU, SV, SV/a, SV5, SV9, T7, T8, TA, TF, TG, TI, TK, TR, TT, TY, TZ, UA, UA2, UA9, UK, UN, UR, V2, V3, V4, V5, V7, V8, VE, VK, VP2E, VP8, VP8/s, VP9, VR, VU, XE, XT, XU, XX9, YA, YB, YI, YJ, YL, YN, YO, YU, YV, Z2, Z3, ZA, ZB, ZD7, ZD8, ZF, ZL, ZP, ZS

PLEASE NOTE: The report "could" contain "Pirate/SLIM" operations or more likely a "BUSTED CALLSIGN". As always, you never know - "Work First Worry Later".

4T, PERU (Attention WPX Hunters!).

Tony, OA4DX, will be using the special callsign and prefix, 4T4T, during the CQWW WPX CW Contest (May 28-29th) as a Single-Op/All-Band/High-Power entry. QSL via OA4DX, direct (NO IRCs) or by the Bureau. NO LoTW or eQSL.

9H, MALTA

Operators Orazio/IT9BTI, Taka/JH3FUK, Ikuo/JA3TJA, Ichiro/ JA3QWN and Mars/JA3FVJ will be active as 9H3G from Malta between June 28th and July 4th. Activity will be holiday style on 40-10 meters using CW, SSB, RTTY and PSK. Antennas will be Spiderbeam, Vertical and Dipole. QSL via JH3FUK and ClubLog.

A3, TONGA

Hiro, JA6WFM, is now active as A31MM from Nuku 'alofa, the capital city of **Tonga (OC-049)**, until the end of the year 2017. Activity will be on 160-6 meters using a TS-480 into a long-wire with ICOM AH-2 for 160-10m, HB9CV for 15m and a 4 element beam for 6m. Look for him to be in the CQWW WPX CW Contest (May 28-29th) as a Single-Op/All-Band/Low- Power entry. QSL via EA5GL or LoTW.

CR2, AZORES

Kim, OH6KZP, will be active as CR2X during the CQWW WPX CW Contest (May 28-29th) as a Single-Op/All-Band/High-Power entry. QSL via OH2BH.

CY9C, ST. PAUL ISLAND DXPEDITION (Press Release)

Randy, N0TG, sent out the following CY9C August DXpedition update on May 10th [edited]: Additional operators have been added to the DXpedition team and assigned to the North- east Point site. This brings the total number of operators to 11. Joining the team are the following: Lee/WW2DX, who will include 2 Meter EME, Satellite, and 6 meters to the DXpedition operation. RTTY from this site will be provided by Pat/N2IEN, and Ray/W2RE will be adding to the SSB operation. This completes the staffing for 11 operators total. The Northeast Site with 5 operators assigned and Atlantic Cove 6 operators.

All pre-DXpedition donors that work us will receive a QSL automatically without any request required. Just a small way for us to say "thank you". PayPal or Credit Card process is available via

http://www.cy9dxpedition.com

We will be using ClubLog and the logs will be uploaded in real-time and will be available for viewing.

D6, COMOROS

Operators Petr/OK1BOA, Pavel/OK1GK, Pavel/OK1FPS, Rudolf/ OK2ZA and David/OK6DJ will be active as D66D from **Comoros Islands (AF-007)** during the second half of September. Activity will be on 160-10 meters using CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL via OK6DJ, ClubLog's OQRS (direct, by the Bureau, LoTW) and eQSL. For more details and updates, see:

http://www.cdxp.cz

DAYTON HAMVENTION NEWS

DAYTON HAMVENTION DX HOSPITALITY SUITE. The Northern Ohio DX Association (along with Janeen Hire, W8ZET) will once again sponsor a Hospitality Suite (20th year) at this year's Dayton HamVention. It will be in Suite 1011 on the 10th floor of the Crowne Plaza Hotel on Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings (Look for signs!). All DXers/Contesters are welcome. Munchies and refreshments will be available. Come and meet the members and friends of NODXA.

ARRL DX LOG ARCHIVE INVITES SUBMISSIONS AT DAYTON HAMVENTION -- From the ARRL Web page: "The ARRL DX Log Archive has invited anyone planning to attend Dayton HamVention® to submit hard copy DX logbooks at the show for inclusion in the archive. A major donation from noted DXer Kan Mizoguchi, JA1BK, to the ARRL Second Century Campaign is supporting "The DX Log Archive Endowed by JA1BK," as it's officially known." Read the complete details on the ARRL Web page at:
http://www.arrl.org/news/view/arrl-dx-log-archive-invites-submissions-at-dayton-hamvention

UPDATES BY TIM DUFFY

* Contest University Dayton (10th year) is 100 % filled this year. Those not attending CTU can watch selected sessions of CTU via LIVE Ustream thanks to Icom America. Go to the Contest University homepage and click on the Icom button this coming Thursday from 8 AM to 5 PM EDT.

http://contestuniversity.com

The live streams will be recorded and posted to You Tube after Dayton.

To see the list of presentations for the Dayton Antenna and Contest forums, please go to the Contest Super Suite web site and click on "Contest Related Events" --

http://contestsupersuite.com

Tickets are still available for the Friday night **TOP BAND DINNER**

http://topbanddinner.com

The Spurious Emissions Band performance at 10 PM EDT Friday night will be LIVE streamed thanks to Icom and DX Engineering. Go to the Contest Super Suite web site and click on the Icom button on the left side.

http://contestsupersuite.com

The live stream will be recorded and posted to You Tube after Dayton. **The 24th Annual Contest Dinner** is also sold out (first time ever), however selected segments of the Contest Dinner will be LIVE streamed thanks to Icom and DX Engineering. You will be able to see the induction ceremony for the CQ Contest Hall of Fame, and you will be able to see John, W2GD's keynote talk live. Go to the Contest Dinner web site on Saturday evening starting at 6:30 PM EDT and click on the Icom button for Ustream TV.

http://contestdinner.com

The live stream will be recorded and posted to You Tube after Dayton.

Thanks to Scott, KA9FOX for making our web sites work great!
73, Tim K3LR

DX25, PHILIPPINES (Special Event)

Members of the DX1HAM team will be active as DX25MP between June 10-12th. Activity is to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the eruption of Mt. Pinatubo, the second biggest volcanic eruption in the 20th Century. There were 847 lives lost during this tragic event. Operations will be on various bands and modes. Operators mentioned are DU1AV, DU1DG, DU1SVZ, DU1SDT, DW1SVY, DU1JC, DI1BP, DU1LC, DV3KWN, DU1VCR, DU1WBX and DU3NB. QSL via direct (see **QRZ.com**) or by the Bureau. For more details, see their FaceBook pages at:

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E2, THAILAND

Members of the HSDXA Team will be active as E2X from Thai- land between June 3-5th. Activity will depend on propagation. Look for activity possibly in the Seanet Contest. QSL via E20GMY or LoTW.

E5, SOUTH COOK ISLANDS

Frank, VK3ADT, is expected to be active as E51ADT from Lagoon Breeze Villas on **Rarotonga Island (OC-013)** for about the next two weeks. Activity will be holiday style on various bands using his Kenwood TS-50 into a mobile single band vertical with traps. He may also operate from E51AND's QTH. QSL via his home callsign.

FY, FRENCH GUIANA

Gerard, F6CKD, is once again active as FY/F6CKD from Montabo Beach until May 15th. Activity has been mainly on 20/17 meters using an IC-706, w/tuner, into a wire antenna. QSL FY/F6CKD via F6CKD.

GB90, ENGLAND (Special Event)

Members of the Virtual Amateur Radio Club (MX0VRC) will be active as GB90QB from the small village in east Kent (JO01ih, WAB TQ86) between June 9-13th. Activity is celebrate the Queen Elizabeth's 90th Birthday, and operations will be running on SSB and the Digital modes on various band which are open. QSL via eQSL only.

H4, SOLOMON ISLANDS

Roly, ZL1BQD is now active as H44RR from **Guadalcanal Island (OC-047)** and Munda Island (OC-149) in the Solomon Islands until May 25th. Activity will be on the HF Bands using mostly JT65 with some CW. Equipment is an Elecraft KX3 transceiver with wire antennas. QSL via his home callsign.

I, ITALY

Berkin, TA3J, will be active as I/TA3J from Rome between July 12-17th. Activity will be on 160-6 meters, including the 17/12 meters, using SSB and FM. QSL via his home callsign, direct or by the Bureau.

IOTA NEWS

AS-043. Kai, JH1LMD, will be active as JH1LMD/1 from **Hachijo Island** between May 19-21st. Activity will be holiday style on 40/20/ 15/10 meters, possibly other bands, using CW and RTTY. This operation is subject to change in bad WX or other conditions. QSL via JH1LMD direct. No LoTW. No eQSL.

AS-125. Members of the HSDXA Team will be active as E2X from **Chang Island**, Thailand, between July 29th and August 3rd. Activity will be focused on 80-40 meters. They also will be in the RSGB IOTA Contest (July 30-31st) as a Multi-1/Island entry. QSL via E20GMY or LoTW.

AS-201. Members of the TRAK Radio Club (YM1KD) will be active as TC0TC from **Sivriada Island** between May 23-25th. Activity will be on all HF bands. QSL via YM1KD.

EU-090. (Update) Members of the Coburg DX Group (CODXG) will be active as 9A8DXG from **Palagruža Island** (IOCA CI-084, WLOTA LH-0057, CLH-100) between May 28th and June 4th. Operators mentioned are Franjo/9A2MF, Mladen/9A2NA, Emir/9A6AA, Heinz/DC5WW, Manfred/DD0NM, Sascha/DH6TJ, Robert/DK2RO, Anton/DL8AW and Thilo/DL9NBJ. Activity will mainly be on CW/SSB and on 80-2 meters (they will also try to do some EME on 2m). They will have a real-time logbook on their Web site. QSL via DL8AW (OQRS preferred, by the Bureau or direct). They do not collect QSL cards, so please use the OQRS system on their Web site to save paper. For more information about their expedition to Palagruža, please visit their Web sites at:

http://www.codxg.org
http://qrznow.com/9a8dxg-palagruza-island-eu-090

EU-120. Members of the Addiscombe Amateur Radio Club will once again be active as G4ALE/P from the **Isle of Wight** during

the RSGB IOTA Contest (July 30-31st) as a Multi-1/DXpedition/Low-Power entry. Operators mentioned are Peter/G3SJX, Steve/G3UFY, Mike/G3VYI and Dave/G7RAU. They will be using wire antennas. QSL via G3VYI.

EU-120. **DXPEDITION WRAP-UP [edited]:**
MX0VRC (Virtual ARC) May 2016 Trip to Isle of Lundy by Keith/M0KJA, Mark/G0GQT and Nigel/G0GDA -- It was 'all systems go' from our end - we drove through the night on Sunday 1st May and arrived in Ilfracombe at 08.00am in plenty of time to sail to Lundy Island at 10.00. Having parked the 2 cars outside the Check In Office at the harbor, we were informed that 'due to force 6 winds in the Bristol channel there would be no sailing that day'! The receptionist said that she would try to obtain a substitute form of transport in the form of a helicopter but there was no way all our gear (20 items) would be coming with us. The best she could do was to send the equipment by boat on the Wednesday...!! Great....no equipment no DXpedition. After a lot of begging, pleading and grovelling the three of us and our equipment arrived safely altogether by chopper on Lundy. I cannot praise the ladies enough from the Ilfracombe office for their help.

We set up one station and following a great meal at the pub, we managed to get on the air the first evening making around a hundred contacts but having been up for about 40 hours we soon 'hit the hay'. The island runs on generated power which runs from 06.00hrs until midnight so torches are needed for night time toilet visits. Following another MC Eruption the band conditions were so flat that you would need an iron to make them any flatter. On Tuesday we put up the rest of the aerials 80m & 40m straight dipoles, 20m sloper, a 9 element tonna and the 2nd vertical dipole which meant that all stations were up and running. We had made choke baluns out of FT240-61 ferrites for fitting aerial end and bought by-pass filters from ML&S where Richard, Tony and Steve had been their usual helpful selves. Someone had switched off 10m,12m 15m and 40m so we had limited bands to work with due apparently to yet another solar flare just for good measure.

Mark went on the 2m UKAC contest on Tuesday evening and absolutely smashed it with a score of more than one million points.

On 20m PSK came to the rescue when the going became even harder but we did have an opening on Tuesday and again on Thursday on 40m where we had the pileups and worked many U.K. stations which was great. Friday brightened up on 20m and several busy times were had but by late after- noon we had to start dismantling the aerials and equipment. We just left a vertical dipole up for a little operating early doors on Saturday morning before vacating the cottage at 09.00 and sailing back to the main-land in the afternoon.

There was a lot of interest in our little venture including an email from a station in Antarctica saying they had seen us on the cluster and been trying to call us but couldn't make it so they wished us all the best.

The weather was great and we had wall to wall sunshine every day and the contacts we didn't get were made up with pints at the bar. Whilst the prime objective was the DXpedition, we wanted a holiday as well so a little sunbathing was thrown in for good measure. Lundy is a small but excellent place where the natives are both helpful and friendly and the food is good, but don't expect television, internet or mobile phone coverage as there ain't none.

Would we go again you bet we would.
73's de Mark, Keith and Nigel TU dit dit.

EU-123. Members of the Camb-Hams will be active as GS3PYE/P from the **Isle of Arran** on the west part of the island near Balliekine (IO75HO) between May 22-29th. Activity will be on the HF bands, 6/4/2m, and the satellites. The location on the island favors the South/West/North as there's a hill to the east, but hope- fully that will not limit them. Peter, 2E0SQL, reports: "We'll be taking along an ICOM IC-910, Wimo X-Quads, Preamps and Yaesu G-5500 rotator all controlled by our favorite bit of software SatPC32 for backup. I'll have my FT-817 and Arrow, but this kit hasn't let us down yet for the last few trips." They plans to operate on all satellites both FM/SSB/CW, if you want a CW QSO you'll need to contact them as Peter will need to find a suitable CW operator. Peter will try to post regular updates on Twitter either using his own account @2e0sql or the groups account @g3pye and also posting updates on their Web site at:

http://dx.camb-hams.com

NA-036. Alan, G0TPH, will be active as VE7/G0TPH/P from **Vancouver Island** during the RSGB IOTA Contest (July 30-31st) as a Single-Op/QRP entry. QSL via LoTW.

NA-085. By the time you read this, Bruce, K5TEN, will once again be active as K5TEN/P from **Dog Island** (WW. Loc. EL79), Florida, until May 20th. Activity will be on 80-6 meters using CW, SSB, RTTY, PSK31 and JT65. QSL via K5TEN.

NA-172. Cezar, VE3LYC, announced that he will be active from **Cooper Island** in early August 2016. An interesting link on the island can be viewed at: **http://cooperisland.org**

OC-213. Operators Yudin/YB8OUN, Budi/YC8OBM, Freike/YC8NFK, Zulkarnain/ YD8MGN and Ilham/YD8POH are now active as homecall/p from **Poat Island** until 2359z May 15th. Activity will be on 40/20/17/15 meters. QSL via YB8RW.

SA-042. Members of the PARA DX Group will once again be active as PX8K, but this time from **Caviana de Dentro Island** between July 27-31st. Activity will include the RSGB IOTA Contest (July 30-31st). Activity will be on the HF bands and 6

meters using CW, SSB and the Digital modes. Operators mentioned are Hemeterio/PU8WHJ, Renner/PY7RP, Luc/PY8AZT, Jaime/PY8FML and Ren/PY8WW. QSL via PY8WW or the OQRS.

J5, GUINEA-BISSAU

Operators Alfeo/I1HJT, Silvano/I2YSB, Vinicio/IK2CIO, Angelo/IK2CKR, Marcello/IK2DIA, Stefano/IK2HKT and Mac/JA3USA will be active from Bijagos Archipelago (Bissagos Islands) IOTA Group (AF-020), Guinea Bissau, sometime mid-November. Callsign(s) has not been announced yet. Activity will be on 160-6 meters using CW, SSB and RTTY. Suggested frequencies are:
CW - 1826, 3530, 7025, 10115, 14030, 18068, 21030, 24890 and 28030 kHz
SSB - 3750, 7090, 14260, 18155, 21310, 24970 and 28480 kHz
RTTY - 21083 kHz
6m - 50102/CW and 50123/SSB

QSL via I2YSB direct only. QSLs for direct, LoTW and by the Bureau will be available via the OQRS on their Web page. Logs will be posted to LoTW about 6 months after the conclusion of the DXpedition. Look for more details, updates and a "Needs Survey" at:

http://www.i2ysb.com/idt/index.php?option=com_content&view=featured&Itemid=101

NP2, U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS

Yuriy, N2TTA, will once again be active from here as NP2P during the CQWW WPX CW Contest (May 28-29th) as a Single-Op/All-Band/Low-Power entry. QSL via LoTW.

P4, ARUBA.

John, W2GD, will be active as P44W from Aruba (SA-036) during the CQWW WPX CW Contest (May 24-25th) as a Single-Op/All-Band/Low-Power entry. He will be there between May 28-29th. Operations outside of the contest will be on 160/80m and 30/17/12 meters as time permits. Watch 160m on the hour and 80m on the half hour. QSL via LoTW or direct to N2MM, Bureau cards are no longer accepted as of 12/31/2013. Logs will be loaded on LoTW upon his return to the USA.

PACIFIC TOUR

Bert, CX3AN, will activate three islands in the Pacific during the month of June. His tentative schedule is as follows:
June 2-7th -- **Majuro Atoll (OC-029)**, Marshall Islands; callsign V73HA
June 7-9th -- **Chuuk Island (OC-011)**, Micronesia; callsign V63A

June 9-14th -- **Koror Island (OC-009)**, Palau; callsign T88AN

Activity from all islands will be holiday style on 40-6 meters using CW and SSB. QSL via EB7DX.

PROPAGATION FORECAST/REPORT (May 16-22nd)

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May/16th AN      May/19th  HN     May/21st  HN
May/17th AN      May/20th  HN     May/22nd  AN
May/18th AN
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SOLAR REFERENCE KEYS/INDEXES AND GEOMAGNETIC REFERENCE
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 NORMALITY                GEOMAG       K Values    Alpha
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AN  - Above Normal        Quiet        K=0-1       0-7
HN  - High Normal         Unsettled    K=2         8-15
LN  - Low Normal          Active       K=3         16-29
BN  - Below Normal        Minor Storm  K=4         30-49
DIS - Disturbed           Major Storm  K=5         50-99
VRY DIS - Very Disturbed  Severe Storm K=6-9       100-400
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REALTIME BAND CONDITIONS WEB SITE http://www.bandconditions.com:
The purpose of this experimental Web site is to provide 24-7-365 actual (REALTIME) band condition information to CW QRPp, QRPe and CW/SSB for Contesters interested in increasing their scores. It can also be of benefit to other Radio Amateurs to determine band conditions for Nets and casual QSO's. This information is NOT based on any software pre- dictions or any kind of satellite based readings. It is based on a new Ionospheric sounding method called "HF Ionospheric Interferometry" which operates very similarly to the PolSAR system used by NASA.

Also, check out the VOACAP predication Web page at:

http://www.voacap.com/prediction.html

QSL INFO AND NEWS

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QSL-INFO from DB0SDX (May 13th) www.qslinfo.eu
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3Z0R via SP9SX            IB7DX via IK7JWX        SN55KCW via SP2KCW
4X/K5AC via K5AC          IR8P via IZ8FWN (d)     SO8FH via PA0F
9A50CBM via 9A1CBM        J68GU via DL7VOG        SX193A via SV3GLL
9A702AA via 9A2AA         KH8/KC0W via KC0W (d)   SZ8S via M0SCG
CP4BT via DJ2BW & (L)     MJ/ON4RSX via ON4RSX    T6EU via AK4JK (d)
DL1516BIER via DK2HM      PG150N via PA7DA        T88QR via JJ1DQR
E44QX via DF8DX           R1566O via R2EA         TM60GW via F5PCX (B)
EA6/PA2CHR via PA2CHR     R16BLR via R6DG         TM77C via F5MFV
FM/DL7VOG via DL7VOG      RP71TT via R3RAO        YP3A via YO3ND
GM/DH5JBR/P via DH5JBR    RT73SK via RL5G (d)     Z61KR via 9A1R
  (e) eQSL only  (d) direct only   (B) Bureau only  (*-B) DX's- Bureau
  (O) OQRS only  (C) ClubLog only  (L) LoTW only
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PIRATE ALERT. Prasad, VU2PTT, reports, "Recent CW operations spotted on the cluster indicate the call of old-timer Ganesh VU2TS is being pirated. Spots show Ganesh being heard and worked in EU and USA around 0400-0500z - that is a period of time when there is absolutely no propagation on any band to USA. I spoke with Ganesh yesterday on the phone and he mentioned he is aware of the situation now. He is mostly QRV on JT65 and PSK these days."

VK0EK QSL Preview! https://vk0ek.org/2016/05/14/vk0ek-qsl-preview This is the DIRECT QSL, and it is the deluxe QSL card. They will start going out in June. The bureau cards are two sided and have the front picture and the logo's on the back. They will go out after the direct cards.

QSLS RECEIVED VIA LoTW: G0ORH, JD1BOI (OC-031), M3I, PY0F/PY7RP, TA2DX (EU-186), VP9/W6PH, YB8XM/P (OC-070) and YB8XM/P (OC-076)

QSLS RECEIVED VIA MAIL: 4W/DJ2EH, 5J0P, A25UK, JA0RQV/6Y5, JW/DL7DF, K3IMD, P4/WJ2O, PJ7/WJ2O, PW0FN, S9BK, TO2EE, VP8SGI and YN/WJ2O

QSLS RECEIVED VIA THE BUREAU: 5B/R2GM, 7O2A, 7O6T, C7A, HC2AO, HC2ANT/8, EA8DBM, R2FAD, R7AL, R7AL/0, R0QA/A, R25AFG, R27SBZ, R120R, R2015KK, R2015L, RA2FM, RA2FV, RG5A, RN5AA, RP70WK, RU55IA, RW110RAEM, RX6CB/MM, RW110RAEM, SV9/R2DX, TK/SP7VC, UA1AAE/AM, UE11MM, UE70KRM, UF0A, UI3A/7 and V26DZ

T31, CENTRAL KIRIBATI (Update)

The Perseverance DX Group will activate Central Kiribati **(Kanton Island) [OC-043]** as T31W, currently on Clublog's number 22 most wanted, sometime in late 2017. They will sail to the island using the Evohe again. Subject to licensing and landing formalities, it is expected a team of up to 11 operators will be on the island for up to 12 days. Initial discussions with a boat owner/skipper are scheduled to begin soon. Operators mentioned are Pista/HA5AO (Co-Team Leader), Gene/K5GS (Co-Team Leader), Les/W2LK (Co-Team Leader), Heye/DJ9RR, Laci/HA0NAR, Glenn/KE4KY, Kevin/K6TD, Arnie/N6HC, Steve/W1SRD, Mike/WA6O and Ricardo/PY2PT. Pilot stations are Chris/HA5ZA (Chief), Andre/V51B (AF), Alex/4L5A (AS and pilot for Russian speaking countries), Tomi/HA8RT, Hiroo/ JA1WSX (JA), Jonathan/W6GX (NA), Luke/VK3HJ (OC) and Cesar/PY2YP (SA). Activity will be on 160-10 meters using CW, SSB and RTTY. Suggested fre- quencies are:
CW - 1826.5, 3523, 7010, 10110, 14023, 18069, 21023, 24891 and 28023 kHz
SSB - 7090, 14185, 18130, 21285, 24955 and 28485 kHz
RTTY - 7045, 10142, 14080, 18100, 21080, 24910 and 28080 kHz

QSLs will be available on their OQRS (recommended) on the T31W DX- pedition's Web page for direct, Bureau cards and LoTW. Direct requests via mail are 5 USDs (see details on the Web page). For more details and updates, see:

http://t31w.com

TZ, MALI

Laurent, F5IXR, is now active as TZ5XR from Kidal until June 2nd. Activity will be on all HF bands using mainly CW. Equipment is a Kenwood TS570D into a G5RV antenna. QSL via F5MXH or LoTW.

V6, MICRONESIA (Canceled)

Operators Sho/JA7HMZ and Masahiko/JA7EPO, who were expected to be active as V63DX and V63IX, respectively, from Pohnpei Island (OC-010) between June 17-25th, have canceled their operation. No reason given.

VK9L, LORD HOWE ISLAND

Merv, N6NO, will be celebrating his 80th birthday by returning to Lord Howe Island (OC-004) between May 21-29th. He will be operating as VK9OL with 100 watts, a Force-12 Sigma-40XKR vertical dipole on 40-10 meters, primarily CW and with a focus on the 30/17/12m bands. QSL to N6NO direct, by the Bureau or LoTW. [**PLEASE NOTE** that there may be other VK9s active during this period such as Norfolk Island [another separate DXCC entity]. VK9NT (see **OPDX.1250**), VK9PAS (see

OPDX.1253) and possibly others to name a few.]

VK9N, NORFOLK ISLAND

Tim, NL8F, will once again be active from Norfolk Island (OC-005) between May 24th and June 3rd, using the callsign VK9NF. Activity will be mainly on 17/12 meters using SSB, RTTY and PSK. His equipment is an IC-7300 with a small amp into a vertical. QSL via K8NA.

VK9N, NORFOLK ISLAND

Jim, VK3PC, will be active as VK9PC from Norfolk Island (OC-005) starting May 24th for about 14 days while attending the "Wireless Institute of Australia" (WIA) annual general meeting/events between May 27-29th. Activity will only be SSB. QSL via VK3PC, direct or by the Bureau. **ADDED NOTE:** Look for VK9WI and VI9ANZAC to also be used during the WIA event from Norfolk Island. See details about these stations on the WIA Web page at: **http://www.wia.org.au/joinwia/wia/2016agm**

XU7, CAMBODIA (PRESS RELEASE #2) [edited]

The international MDXC team is working hard to prepare the set-up for the new DXpedition from Cambodia with the callsign XU7MDC. They will be on air between November 4-14th, 2016. The official Web site is now online at: **http://www.mdxc.org/xu7mdc** They planned, as usual, to operate 24 hours a day with 5 stations from the beach of Sihanoukville with the main focus on the low bands and the Digital modes. Antonio, IZ8CCW (leader), and Gabriele, I2VGW (co-leader of the team), will share this new adventure with 18 other operators from five different countries.

ZL7, CHATHAM ISLAND

Haru, JA1XGI, will be active as ZL7/JA1XGI from **Chatham Islands (OC-038)** between November 24th and December 1st. Activity will probably be on 160-10 meters, including the 30/17/12m bands, using mainly CW with some RTTY, JT65 and PSK. Equipment is an IC-7300 into two different verticals. He also plans to be in the CQWW DX CW Contest (November 26-27th). QSL via JA1XGI, direct, by the Bureau or LoTW.

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